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SUBJECT: GDR PRESS CASTIGATES THE U.S. FOR UN VETO.

1. THE GDR PRESS HAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES FOR
"TORPEDOING" THE NEAR EAST RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 26 THROUGH " MISUSE
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OF ITS VETO IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. THE NEWSPAPERS STATE THAT
THE US HAS PLACED ITSELF CLEARLY ON RECORD AS OPPOSING " FEASIBLE
STEPS TOWARD SETTling THE DNAGEROUS AND CRISIS-PRONE" SITUATION IN
THE NEAR EAST. IN CASTING THIS VETO, THE ARTICLES SAY, THE U.S.
HAS ISOLATED ITSELF, MOR THAN EVER BEFORE, NOT ONLY FROM OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BUT FROM THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES
AROUND THE WORLD WHO SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION.

2. NONETHELESS, ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE DEBATE ON THE NEAR
EAST RESOLUTION HAD" POSITIVE" RESULTS IN THAT IT: AIRED THE
PROBLEMS OF THE NEAR EAST; WAS ATTENDED BY THE PLO; AND ABOVE ALL,
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SHOWED THAT THE MAJORIY OF SPEAKERS ON THE RESOLUTION RECOG-

NIZED THAT NO PEACE IS POSSIBLE UNTIL THE " NATIONAL RIGHTS" OF THE PALESINE PEOPLE FOR A HOMELAND ARE REALIZED. THE CONCLUSION IS DRAWN THAT THE UNDEBATE SHOWED THAT THE NEXT STEP IN DEALING WITH THE NEAR EAST SITUATION IS TO CONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO.

3. COMMENT: THESE GDR ATTACKS REFLECT
COMMITMENT TO AN ANTI-ISRAELI STAND
AND TO FULL SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.COOPER

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